

TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

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17 December 1952

REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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SOURCE

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1. During the period from 20 through 22 October 1952, source observed that 16 trucks daily picked up planks and boards for Cottbus airfield at the sawmills in Weisswasser and Krauschwitz.

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2. In late October, source observed that the trainers at the field were fitted with retractable landing gears. The aircraft resembling the Klemm-25 type planes were no longer observed at the installation. New trainers had definitely arrived at the field.

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3. Between 3:15 and 3:55 p.m. on 5 November, 8 twin-engine Li-2 transports landed at the field. Flying was done in single-engine trainers.

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November, there was no flying. A Li-2 was seen parked in front of the hangars. Three trucks [redacted] a fire truck and a tank truck were seen at the fire station. The observation towers near the single-story temporary buildings quartering VP personnel were empty.

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4. On 8 November, there was flying by Po-2 biplanes and single-engine aircraft fitted with rigid landing gears.

5. On 8 November, a twin-engine transport fitted with single rudder assembly landed at the field. At 6 p.m., all the windows at the barracks installation of the field were lighted. The sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. There was no flying on 10, 15 and 18 November. Only twin-engine transports were seen outside the hangars. Soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets appeared to be quartered at the barracks installation of the airfield. Sizable quantities of bricks, lime and cement were stored along the Cottbus-Burg highway near the new VP barracks installation.

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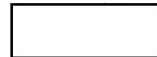
6. From noon to 1:30 p.m. on 13 November, 14 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes fitted with radial engines, two-bladed propellers and long plexiglass cabin circled the field. One Li-2 was parked in front of the closed hangars. VP guards patrolled the boundaries of the field. From 3:30 to 4 p.m. all the planes were parked in front of the hangars, and the VP sentries had been withdrawn. The landing field was being rolled by a track-laying vehicle towing

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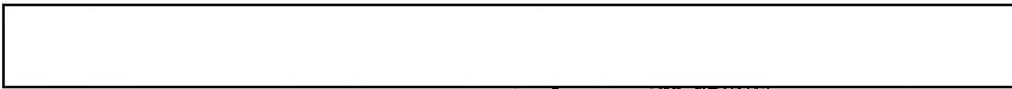
six rollers. At noon on 18 November, 20 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes were parked in front of the closed hangars. There was no flying. About 50 aircraft crates were still seen in the northeastern portion of the landing field. From 3:30 to 4:30 on 25 November, six single-engine, low-wing monoplanes [redacted] practiced local flying. Another eight single-engine, low-wing monoplanes and a Li-2 were parked in front of the closed hangars.

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25X1 7. [redacted] On 20 November, five large fuel containers were shipped by rail from the airfield to Bergen on Ruegen Island and 20 containers to Kummersdorf.3

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25X1A? [redacted] Comment. It is believed that the VP student pilots are being trained with Yak-18s. According to previous information, this type of plane is fitted with a rigid landing gear. However, there are indications that there exists a version of this type fitted with retractable landing gear.

25X1A3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] The

25X1 observation of numerous soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets supports the previous assumption that a supply unit is stationed at Cottbus airfield besides the Soviet and VP air force personnel.



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